



NEW MILTON
TOWN COUNCIL

Listed Buildings Working Party

Notes of meeting held Friday 4 March 2022 at the Town Hall.

- Present – Cllr S Clarke (Chair)
- Cllr B Murrow
- Mr A Watson – Chairman of New Milton Residents Association
- Mr N Saunders – New Milton Heritage Society
- Ms T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk
- Apologies - Cllr Mrs Schooling, Alan Beal (St Mary Magdalen Church Warden)
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1. Brief update

- a) St Mary Magdalen Churchyard - Grants had been applied for totalling £5,500 to cover all signage works as previously discussed. The National Lottery refused a grant, AllChurches Trust had sent £1,000. Previously it had been stated that this was likely to be the last place to try as many had been suspended due to COVID. However, things were easing so several suggestions were provided, as below. It was acknowledged that in time, cumulative grants would likely cover the total required.

AP – Grant applications to be made to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation / Barker Mills Trust / Community First New Forest / NMSB.

- b) Air Raid Shelter, Avenue Road – A site visit had taken place on 8 February with the landlord PHP (Primary Health Properties PLC) and 2 representatives of the Coastal Medical Partnership. Town Council staff included the meeting clerk, Estates and Facilities Manager Mark and deputy Rob. All aspects were discussed, using the plan that had been provided to all parties in May 2021. There was only 3 weeks left to strip out overgrown vegetation before bird nesting season begun. The representative from the landlord was unsure if their turn around would be timely enough, much as the plan was supported by all attending. On discussion at the Town Hall it was decided that ***a formal licence giving rights of access and maintenance for no longer than a period of 10 years should be drafted*** by the landlord, so that the Town Council could be authorised for works. It was highly likely that the public would expect maintenance to be ongoing following initial install (NMRA funded and planted). A recommendation for such came from Planning Committee on 17 February, Amenities on 28 February and is hopefully to be supported at F&GP on 14 March.

AP – TE to advise PHP of committee outcome, noting autumn planting is the desire in terms of timescale.

2. Next target?

An Allen Williams Turret on Barton Common had been highlighted by a resident, as a complete one had recently been put for sale on an auction site for £5,000. The meeting clerk advised that the item listing had ended without sale. The one on Barton Common is without hatch lid or door, of cast steel and is approx.5m away from the road with a trodden path through brambles passing it.

NS gave a summary of its historic interest which included the fact that it is very unlikely to be in its original position. Several suggestions were put forward, as below action point.

AP – Recommendation to Planning

Investigate possibility to re-site in No1 garden due its historic interest

- a) If sufficient space/level ground available noting the ‘Dementia Friendly’ intent of the garden. Otherwise relocate in another suitable place of interest.***
- b) What equipment is needed to relocate item and cost***
- c) Potential refurbishment and cost.***

3. The Old Cottage, Meadow Way.

This property had been highlighted from the planning application 21/11525 (withdrawn on 22/12/21) and a recent incident of tree/vegetation stripping on site, associated fire/smoke complaints and NMTC tree damage. (See Planning minutes). The building is a non-designated heritage asset. The meeting clerk ran through the definition of the designations.

NS gave a history summary of the property, which had been identified as being built (with current footprint) between 1895 and 1939.

AP – NS to provide historical summary document for use with NFDC

AP – Once NS document provided, TE to request Conservation Officer view it and confirm if detail lead to buildings current status. What criteria would be needed for an uplift to ‘designated heritage asset’?

AP – TE report as untidy site, windows left open.

Date of next meeting – to be arranged as required.